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Astronomy students get a flare for solar science

SAM BIDEY

INTERNATIONAL astronomers visited Blackheath and Thornburgh College (BTC) on Tuesday to show them the sun like they had never seen before.

The Charlie Bates Solar Astronomy Project, based in Atlanta in the United States provided a collection of the finest, observatory quality solar telescopes on Earth to allow students to witness solar features including solar flares, sunspots, prominences, filaments and magnetically active regions.

Project director Stephen Ramsden founded

the non-for-profit program to share his love and appreciation of science.

"We go and teach high school students about the science of solar physics, how the sun about the science of solar physics, now the sun works and how it relates to the earth and keeps things alive," Mr Ramsden said. "This is just one branch of science, and science is Latin for knowledge.

"Science is the study of nature and the language of science is mathematics.

"Sometimes it can get a little dry in the classroom so we bring the children out for some practical hands on science.
"If you can get the students excited and

show them something that they can touch and feel it kind of reinforces the things they learn in

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Students from Blackheath and Thornburgh College had the chance to view the sun like never before through the world's highest quality solar telescopes.

Push on to halt Hendra

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HORSE owners are now required to com plete a form stating their animal's health before entering them into certain Charters Towers events due to the threat of Hendra

The Charters Towers Regional Council has made it mandatory for a Horse Health Declaration form to be completed to assist in protecting the region against Hendra

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